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In re application of: Nishida, et al.

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For: COLOR PROOFING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND RECORDED MEDIUM ON WHICH COLOR PROOFING PROGRAM IS RECORDED

Examiner: Charlotte M. Baker

Group Art Unit: 2626

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 13, 2005 AND ELECTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

1. This is a response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005, wherein a restriction requirement was made by the Examiner.
2. Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

3. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-5, 8-11 and 14-18 were drawn to subject matter wherein data processing is performed to correct, enhance, restore or otherwise control a visual attribute of an image reproduced for static presentation.

In addition, the Examiner indicated that claims 6-7, 12-13 and 19-20 were drawn to subject matter for deriving a signal obtained from a black color of high density in a printout image (black signal synthesis).

3. Applicants elect claims 1-5, 8-11 and 14-18 for examination at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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